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1. IRAQI GRANT ON MAR 7 OF SEVEN MIL DOLS TO EGYPT FOR STRENGTHENING ARMED FORCES IS LATEST EVEN IN PUBLIC DISPLAY OF NEW WARMTH OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. IT WAS PRECEEDED BY SEVERAL MINISTERIAL LEVEL VISIT, TOUR OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY FACILITIES BY IRAQI DEL LED BY CHIEF OF STAFF, AND SIGNING OF CULTURAL, TOURIST AND INFO AGREEMENT. EGYPTIAN FORMIN ZAYYAT SCHEDULED FOR 2 DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAQ END OF MAR.

2. COMMENT: RAPPROACHEMENT WITH EGYPT WAS UNDERWAY EARLY IN 1972 WITH IRAQI UNITY PROPOSAL AND RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN VISIT TO CAIRO. HOWEVER, IPC NATIONALIZATION HAD FORCED IRAQ TO GO SLOWLY DURING PERIOD OF STRAINED USSR- EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, SINCE IT COULD NOT AFFORD TO RISK SOVIET IRE. IF EGYPTIAN- SOVIET

RELATIONS STILL STRAINED, IRAQI MOVES COULD REPRESENT FIRST
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